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which they're spending, and they wouldn't be spending if they didn't have a need to spend it, would they? They are spending at that level, and all I'm suggesting is that you continue to spend at the same level that you're spending today, more or less, plus bring the levy up. Why is a minimum levy okay for state aid to education, but it's not okay here? This is ridiculous. I mean, why should, say, state sales and income tax money from all over the state go to a district that has a 1.5 levy when all other districts are making a real effort? It's rewarding those who are doing nothing. It's rewarding the sluggards in the system. Why do we want to do that? What I'm seeing here today and yesterday and the day before is a total stonewalling on all constructive and progressive ideas related to this area, and I'm tired of it, and I'm going to withdraw all amendments after this one, and the bill can progress to Select File, but at Select File I'm going to think of all the other good ideas that I think should be considered on a bill like this. This is just outrageous. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Beutler, there are no further lights on. Did you wish to close on your AMO623, Senator Beutler? No closing? The question before the body is, shall AMO623 be adopted to LB 329? All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. We are voting on the Beutler amendment, AMO623, to LB 329. Have you all voted who care to? Senator Hilgert. Senator Hilgert, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR HILGERT: I'd like to have a call of house and roll call vote.

SENATOR CUDABACK: There's been a request for a call of the house. All in favor of the house going under call vote aye, opposed nay. Record, please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 24 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, to place the house under call.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The house is under call. All unauthorized personnel please leave the floor. Unexcused senators please check in. The house is under call. The house is under call. Senators, please, the house is under call. Senators, please